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## RUSSIANS SURPRISED

Over Rojstovsky's Hardi-  
hood in Seeking Combat

## WITH JAPANESE FLEET

SOME NAVAL MEN DOUBT IF TOGO  
WILL ACCEPT CHALLENGE.

Speculations of St. Petersburg Officials  
Over Action of Mikado's Admiral  
—Confidence in Victory.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 15, 11:25 p.m.—The week closes with the government's eyes and hopes centered on Vice Admiral Rojstovsky, and gradually something of grave enthusiasm has been aroused by the Russian admiral's hardihood in sailing straight for a combat with the Japanese.

There are many naval officers who do not believe that Vice Admiral Togo will accept this challenge. In their opinion the Japanese will be too prudent in such a crisis to risk the destruction of their fleet.

They believe that Togo's tactics will be to avoid an open sea fight, and that he will launch a series of desperate night torpedo attacks in the hope of throwing the Russian fleet into confusion, scattering the lines of ships and giving his faster battleships and cruisers an opportunity to surround and destroy the individuals, and if some of Rojstovsky's ships escape to Vladivostok to bottle them up there.

For the moment the conservative councils of the peace party, which party realizes that the military situation will be utterly hopeless if Rojstovsky's fleet is completely destroyed, and considers it best to open negotiations before the issue is put to a test, are rudely thrust aside.

The admiralty clamors for a chance to retrieve its reputation, and the war party generally seems to be convinced that the Emperor of Russia's position will not be worse if the battle is lost, while the destruction of Togo's fleet would spell ruin for Japan.

The emperor himself, it is understood, expresses great confidence in victory, and should victory come he will undoubtedly fix the imperial seal to the big naval program prepared by the admiralty.

The court-martial of Lieutenant Stoesel is proceeding behind closed doors.

Many Rumors Rife.

With the departure of the hospital ship Orel from Saigon the last cord connecting the Baltic squadrons with the Japanese was severed, and the admiralty expects no further direct news until a battle has been fought and determined. "Henceforth," said a prominent naval officer, "the press probably will be our only source of information. Rojstovsky's next message may not be written until he has met the enemy."

Under the circumstances many rumors take shape in St. Petersburg aside from those relating to encounters with the Japanese at various places and with varying results, but the most fanciful is that saying the Baltic squadron met and engaged two British cruisers, under the impression that they were Japanese, and sank them.

## Russian Fleet Sighted.

PARIS, April 16.—The correspondent of the Petit Journal, at Haiphong, French Indo-China, cabling under date of April 15, says: "I am informed that the Russian fleet, forty vessels strong, running at twelve knots and without lights, was sighted in the seventeenth degree of latitude, steaming in a northerly direction."

## AIM OF THE RUSSIANS.

In the Belief of a Naval Officer They  
Are Bound for Port Arthur.

A naval officer, who has been following the movements of the Russian and Japanese fleets in the far east as well as possible with the meager information available, made the following statement as to the situation to a Star reporter yesterday afternoon:

"It seems to me apparent that the Russian admiral is steering for the region of Port Arthur, where he will be able to inflict the severest damage to the Japanese transport and supply vessels, before counteracting the Japanese admiral's fleet. This would be the second thing to do. In fact, if he can destroy the army supply fleet he will inflict an irreparable injury to the Japanese."

"The Japanese admiral is probably in the neighborhood of Port Arthur, for the very purpose of affording protection to their transport service, and if any naval battle is fought it will not be until the Russian fleet reaches the vicinity of Port Arthur."

"I have always thought that the first naval battle between the Russian and Japanese vessels was so one-sided because of lack of target practice by the Russians, and if the Russian admiral has utilized his opportunities since leaving Russia his men should now be able to make successful shots and render a better account of themselves."

## SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPT. WOOD.

Remains Conveyed to His Late Home  
in Camden, N. J.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

NORFOLK, Va., April 15.—The body of Capt. John H. Wood of the steam yacht Marjorie was taken to his home in Camden, N. J., accompanied by his mother, tonight. She arrived here yesterday morning for a visit and to accompany her son on a yacht for a voyage, for which the yacht was refitting here under Capt. Wood's supervision. He became sick in the afternoon, and died suddenly this morning. The Marjorie belongs to Henry W. Savage, the theatrical manager of New York. Capt. Wood was thirty-eight years of age.

## MAY RETIRE GROSVENOR.

Majority of New County Control Com-  
mittee Against Him.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—The initial steps in a movement to retire Gen. Chas. H. Grosvenor from Congress were taken in Athens county today in the republican primary election. Out of thirty-five members of the new county central committee selected thirty-three are anti-Grosvenor.

The committee has power to select the delegates to the congressional convention from the county and expects to use it. With his county against him Gen. Grosvenor cannot hope to win.

## IN HIS HUNTING GARB

Head of the Government Now  
in a Colorado Camp.

## PLANS FOR THE HUNT

RENDEZVOUS OF PARTY ON A  
RANCH 23 MILES FROM TOWN.

Secretary Loeb Maintains Headquar-  
ters at Glenwood Springs—Safety  
Precautions Along the Route.

NEW CASTLE, Col., April 15.—President Roosevelt and his hunting party reached New Castle, an outfitting point for the hunting and fishing grounds on the White river, at 7:00 o'clock today and waited more than two hours for official mail that had been sent to Redstone, where it had been indicated that the seat of government should be established while the President was away in the mountains hunting bear and other game.

The President shook hands with most of the four hundred citizens of New Castle after he had been introduced by Mayor George H. Norris, who announces on his card that he does blacksmithing and wagon making. The party was photographed, the President made a brief speech, shook hands with the main crew and looked over the specially decorated locomotive that drew his train from Colorado Springs.

The run to New Castle was pleasant. Huge bonfires lighted the way during the night and inhabitants of the towns along the railroad stayed up until far into the morning to cheer the President as he passed. Getting up early, the party breakfasted on fresh mountain trout, while every one viewed from the car windows the magnificent scenery along the Colorado Midland railroad.

Near Basalt the first car of the special train hit a rock that had slid down to the edge of the track. The only damage done was the knocking out of a cap of the rear truck of the car Viceroy.

Wore His Hunting Garb.

When the train pulled into New Castle the President, dressed in his shooting clothes of heavy tan duck, greeted the people from the rear platform.

He was cheered wildly. After a speech was made and conventionalities had been observed the President gave personal supervision to the hunting outfit. He unsheathed his knife and felt its keen edge, unlimbered his gun and saw that it was in fine working order and looked over the horse that had been selected for his ride to camp. This animal is white, weighing about 1,100 pounds, and is about 14½ hands high. It is said to be one of the surest footed mountain climbers in Colorado, but it is not noted for speed. All the horses selected for the party are built for safe and hard, rather than for government work.

John Goff, Jake Borah and Brick P. Wells, guides, in mountain costumes, trip. In addition to the President's personal party, which is composed of himself, Dr. Alexander Lamber of New York and P. H. Stewart of Colorado, ten men rode to the hunting camp today. Five men were already at the camp with everything ready for the comfort of the party. Before starting the President announced that he was not going to struggle hand to hand with a grizzly bear or strangle any animal with his bare hands. He does not expect to bag a record-breaking amount of game and will feel satisfied if he gets one bear during the whole hunt. When the party had gone on with great pride as a protection he will constantly keep between himself and danger.

## Plan for Parade Abandoned.

A parade had been planned at New Castle, but it did not take place. It had been arranged to form a procession led by a band, brass band, a caged bear and the President's party on horseback. This pageant was to pass through the village streets and into the hills, where the bear was to be turned loose and given a start of thirty minutes. The State Humane Society planned to release the bear, but the bear might return to the village and harm children, as it had been caged so long. If the State humane society had interfered the captors of the bear tried to sell it to the President's guides, but they said they would rather have it as a domesticated animal than have no attractions for the President.

At 11:15 o'clock the party started from New Castle on horseback. There was a foot of snow in that region and bear tracks were seen there as late as yesterday. The party was accompanied by a light of sight the President's train was returned to Glenwood Springs, where Secretary Loeb is to have his headquarters.

## Speech at New Castle.

In his speech at New Castle the President said:

"I have always believed in your people. I think that this is going to be one of the greatest states of the Union, not merely in its material development, but in its moral citizenship."

After special greeting to the Grand Army men present he continued:

"I wish to speak to the generation that is coming on, and congratulate Colorado upon what she is doing with her public schools, upon her whole force of teachers and upon the steps that are being taken to train aright the next generation. I believe in the mines; I believe, as you know, in the irrigation works; I believe in your stock ranches, in everything; but the real crop is the crop of children, for if you get that all straight the other crops will take care of themselves in the end. I want to say what a pleasure it has been to see the way in which the next generation is being started out on its life task here in Colorado. I thank you very, very much for coming here, and I am glad to see you."

The utmost precaution was taken to insure the President's safety on his trip over the Colorado Midland railroad. After the pilot train passed every switch was spiked a few minutes before the President's arrival. Even the telegraph wires were strung with a man on guard, and General Manager George W. Valley had as many as a dozen men patrolling a single mile of track where the road creeps along the edge of precipices.

## LOEB AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS.

Headquarters of Seat of Government—  
Hunting Party Isolated.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., April 15.—With some degree of permanency, Secretary Loeb has established headquarters at Glenwood Springs, where he can keep in frequent communication with President Roosevelt. A suite of rooms has been taken at the Hotel Colorado, a summer resort, which was opened several weeks earlier than usual in order to accommodate the presidential party. To this hotel all of the mail intended for the President will be addressed.



**MRS. CHADWICK'S BAIL**

**FULLY EXPECTS RELEASE IN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS.**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15.—In an interview this afternoon Mrs. Chadwick said: "Arrangements have been made for bail for my release pending the hearing of the appeal by the court of appeals. The surety deposited will be in cash. I fully expect to be released within a week or ten days at the outside."

"I have made no plans for the future or as to where I shall go when released, but probably will remain in Cleveland most of the time during the summer or until my case is heard by the higher court. My plans will depend largely upon the condition of my health."

About a year ago Mrs. Chadwick was injured in a runaway. A small bone in the left arm being fractured. Her physician gave her a year to live, but she has never properly knitted, and for some time past Mrs. Chadwick has suffered constantly from the injury. Otherwise her health apparently is of the best.

## WAITING FOR A SIGNAL

THOUSANDS READY TO START  
REVOLUTION IN TURKEY.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—Henry Haynie, the noted foreign correspondent and authority on international politics, writes to this city that 60,000 Albanians and 60,000 Bulgarians are under arms ready to begin a campaign against Turkish oppression at a given signal that is likely to come any time.

## MUST GIVE UP LETTERS

IMPORTANT ORDER BY JUSTICE  
IN SMITHS' CASE.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Justice Gaynor of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, today issued an order compelling District Attorney Jerome and Assistant District Attorney Rand to surrender forthwith all letters and documents held by them and belonging to Joseph Smith and wife.

The order was issued by Judge Gaynor at his house on the request of the ex-parte application of counsel for the Smiths. It was said tonight that process servers had been unable to serve either Mr. Jerome or Mr. Rand today.

The new trial of "Nan" Patterson on the charge of murdering "Caesar" Young will begin Monday. Smith and his wife are in the Tombs under indictment charged with conspiracy to extort money from Young.

Haynie has been called for in Egypt, where he is acting as a special correspondent for the principal cities of Syria and Mesopotamia.

All these at the moment are ready for a common and final action. The Arabs plan Arabian empire, with a proffer of the throne to a prince of the khedivial family of Egypt, but with the empire entirely separate from Egypt.

The caliph of universal religion will be offered to a chieftain descendant of the prophet now consecrated to the work on hand.

## RESTING COMFORTABLY.

Joseph Jefferson's Condition Is Not Re-  
garded Dangerous.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., April 15.—Joseph Jefferson, the distinguished actor, is reported quite comfortably tonight. He is resting as much better than yesterday. Though still very weak his condition is not at present dangerous.

## RICHMOND MATRIMONIAL TRAIL

Annual Orphan Excursion to Washing-  
ton—Gretchen Green Affair.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

RICHMOND, Va., April 15, 1905.

Mrs. J. R. Gill of this city is the superintendent of the Male Orphan Asylum, an institution which cares for more than a hundred orphan boys. She has been in charge of the asylum for many years, and has been one of the most successful managers in the country.

For a number of years Mrs. Gill has been conducting an Easter excursion from this city to Washington, and this year she is to be in charge as usual. It has come to be known as the "matrimonial trail," due to the fact that each year many of the young people from this city and surrounding country take advantage of the occasion to visit the national capital, and at the same time find a mate. The number of young people who object to daughters wedding men of their choice. A score is usually the number on each trip, but it is believed that the number will be exceeded this year.

## NEW PRELATE IN CHINA.

Believed the Pope Will Appoint Italian  
to Succeed Bishop Favre.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

NEW YORK, April 15.—A cablegram from Rome says: The death at Peking of Bishop Alphonse Favre will give the pope a long-expected opportunity of appointing an apostolic delegate to China who shall not be French.

During the many years Favre spent in China he was chief promoter of French influence in the Chinese capital. Practically the protection of Catholic interests throughout the Chinese empire devolved upon him and the French ambassador.

It is the general opinion here that an Italian will be made apostolic delegate, and that he will have authority over all Catholic bishops in China, and whenever matters arise requiring diplomatic intervention he will apply to the envoy of the nation to which a majority of the missionaries belong.

Much pressure is being put upon the Vatican to appoint a German, but that is deemed impossible, as it is feared French officials might consider it a provocation. There is no question, however, that the appointment soon to be made will be a blow to French influence at the court of Peking, as the Vatican objects to the French government as protector of Catholic missions after the stand French officials have taken regarding church and state.

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## APPEAL TO CONGRESS

Indorsement of Park Commis-  
sion's Plans to Be Sought.

## STABILITY IS DESIRED

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHI-  
TECTS FRIENDLY.

Joint Commission of Both Houses Sug-  
gested as a Solution of  
the Matter.

There will be an effort in the next session of Congress to obtain an indorsement by that body of the plans of the park commission and the appointment of a commission to see that in all future governmental construction in this city those plans are carried out both in relation to the location of buildings and the style of architecture to be adopted.

The President having become convinced that he could not appoint such a commission, whether the members are to serve with or without salaries, has adopted the course of accepting the advice of the men he appointed on the commission without according them an official standing. This has been done as to the location and elevation of the new building for the Department of Agriculture on the mall. But it is now fully recognized that such a location will be a misfit unless the entire, or practically the entire, plan of the park commission in respect to the improvement of the mall is carried out.

## Stability Desired.

It is also realized that in order to avoid differences of opinion in the future in regard to the plans of the commission and modifications of it, it will be necessary to give that plan some degree of stability as a policy of the government. Otherwise there are likely to be suggested modifications which might be approved by those in authority at the time, but which in the opinion of members of the park commission might be out of harmony with their entire project. For these reasons it has been determined by the advocates of the park commission plans that a united effort be made in the next session of Congress either to have the plans formally adopted as a policy of Congress or to have a commission authorized for the location of public buildings which would result in the same end.

It is well known that the President approved the plans of the commission as embodying a practical model for the beautification of the nation's capital for all time to come. If such a commission should be authorized it is also well understood that the President would appoint on it the five gentlemen he named for the commission before he concluded that he had no legal authority for making such appointments. That commission being composed of men held in favor of the commission's plans, three of its five members constituting the park commission itself, is regarded as sure to act with a single purpose in the execution of the plans.

There has been a good deal of effort to obtain the sanction of Speaker Cannon to the plan for the authorization of this commission. It is believed that the speaker has been regarded as the chief opponent to the commission and its plan. The commission is a creature of the Senate, its expenses being paid out of the treasury, and the expenses of the Senate, it is regarded by many men of the House as having its existence without the least sanction of the House. It is therefore, they say, except to appropriate money for the Senate with which to pay the bills.

## Attitude of the Architects.

The American Institute of Architects, it is understood, will co-operate earnestly to bring about this result. The members of that organization have in the past approved the plans of the park commission and have advanced the consideration of those plans wherever possible. It is believed that they will act as a body in forwarding them before Congress next winter. But there will be a great deal of opposition to any proposition of the kind, and it is believed that the committee of Congress to any comprehensive plan for the improvement of the city. The committee which have had charge of the District appropriation bills have endeavored at all times to keep within their own hands the power to control the public buildings that are to be erected and to dictate to the architects as to what is to be done, both in the choice of a style of architecture and in the location of the buildings.

## Joint Commission Suggested.

That feeling is so strong in Congress that a suggestion has been made that at the next session a joint committee of the two houses be appointed to control all matters directly connected with the location and construction of public buildings. Such a plan would be objectionable as it would in a measure take from the executive departments a part of the authority that in the past has been delegated to them. But the houses have been so well pleased with the success of the committees that have had charge of the construction of the new office buildings that the sentiment for the supervision by a congressional committee of such work in the District has grown in favor. Congress generally proposes to dictate in a general way what shall be done in respect to the buildings for which it appropriates. It has generally left with the executive departments the task of seeing that its suggestions are carried out. The suggestion for a joint committee to have charge of such work is likely to be discussed next winter when the entire matter comes up for consideration. At that time the park commission's plans will be debated and the sentiment for a joint committee of the District is likely to be gone over very fully as it personally interests a very large number of senators and representatives.

## SAGE OF VALE SUMMIT DEAD.

Born in Scotland — A Pioneer of Al-  
legany.

Special Dispatch to The Sunday Star.

CUMBERLAND, Md., April 15.—Capt. Thomas Brown, known as the "Sage of Vale Summit" and former state mining inspector, died at his home in Vale Summit yesterday afternoon, aged seventy-eight years. He had been ill for some months. He was a poet and a frequent contributor to newspapers.

Born in Scotland, he came to America when quite young, and reached Allegany, where coal was then being hauled to Cumberland in wagons. He was an expert in the development of the George's creek field. With others he took the contract known as the Hoffman mine, operated by the Consolidation Coal Company.

He was a man of advanced thought. He leaves two sons, Adam Brown of Frostburg and Peter Brown of Vale Summit, and one daughter, Miss Christian Brown of Vale Summit.

## BREAKS HIS SILENCE

James H. Hyde Replies to  
Equitable Charges.

## OPEN LETTER TO FRICK

DEFINES HIS RELATIONS TO THE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Explains the Syndicate Transactions  
and Declares He Never Profited  
by Use of the Funds.

NEW YORK, April 15.—James H. Hyde sent the following letter today:

"NEW YORK, April 15, 1905.

"H. C. Frick, esq., chairman of investigating committee of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

"Dear Sir: Your committee has enjoined me and all the officers of the society from discussing in the public press matters covered by your proposed investigation, and it has been imposed upon all of us that the daily publication of scandalous, grave, injurious to the society's business, I have absolutely kept faith in this matter, but I will no longer suffer the concessions which I have made for the benefit of the policy holders and the society, and the steps which I have voluntarily taken, to be misrepresented and distorted in the public press by those who have not kept faith, and who will never keep faith.

"This morning's papers contained certain statements about me which are designedly misleading and essentially false. I, therefore, propose to make the facts known. They are as follows:

"At the outset of the present Equitable controversy I was charged with having been a party to various underwriting syndicates known as 'James H. Hyde and Associates,' where participations had been taken and where, it was claimed that the underwriters had made a profit by use of the funds of the Equitable Life Society.

"No such profit had, in fact, been made by the use of the funds of the Equitable Life Society, and the syndicates known as 'James H. Hyde and Associates,' including James W. Alexander, president of the society (whose participation was always equal to my own), and this syndicate had been underwriters of a number of banking issues of securities, and the character of the ordinary course of business, securities which had been underwritten by this syndicate.

"James W. Alexander and I were both advised by counsel that as to any such syndicate transactions in which any officers of the Equitable Life Society had participated, a full statement should be made up and laid before the board of directors, and whatever law and conscience required should be done by the officers concerned."

"Following the advice above referred to, I examined all these syndicate transactions and deposited my report to the board of directors of the society as trustee. This amount represented my entire profits from syndicate transactions in which I had participated, mentioned, with 6 per cent interest up to the date of such deposit.

## Statement Accompanied Deposit.

"This deposit was accompanied by the statement that I made it because I preferred to have any question about this matter settled with the money under the control of the society and that this deposit was made for the benefit of the society, if the board of directors thought that it should be determined that I was entitled to it.

"In other words this money was deposited, to be disposed of as the propriety of these transactions might be determined. I made no restitution. I admitted no wrongdoing. I admit none now. I merely put the society in the position to make a good investigation of the matter, and it should be determined by proper authority that transactions of mine, innocently made, made without the concealment of any facts, and made without the intent to injure the society, and with no such injury as the result, raised a situation either technically or substantially entitling the society to profits made by me, and now believe were legitimately mine.

"Deliberately Misconstrued.

"My concessions have been deliberately misconstrued, my silence has been misrepresented, and the self-seeking persons who have prepared the present trouble and who, masking as friends of the policy-holders, are striving to deprive me of my property and to secure for themselves continued control of the society, persist in violating faith and in publishing and conveying to the public attacks on me, supported by garbled extracts from the records of the society, including the correspondence of the president, to which these persons have or are given access.

"I shall do all in my power to carry out the amended charter of giving the policy-holders the selecting of the majority of the board of directors, and I will make this concession from my legal rights, and I shall defend as well as I may the rights which I have reserved.

"I shall have my own earnest co-operation in making your investigation searching and its results full and honest. But you must protect me from these infamous daily attacks in the newspapers or put me at liberty to make my own defense in my own way.

"I have to request that you cause this communication to be published. Otherwise I am yet compelled to secure its publication. I am

"Very respectfully,  
"JAMES H. HYDE."

## ALEXANDER'S STATEMENT.

Declares Hyde's Story Relating to Him  
Is Untrue.

NEW YORK, April 15.—President James W. Alexander of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, when shown the letter of Mr. Hyde at his home tonight, gave out the following answer in writing:

"Mr. Hyde's statement on the subject of alleged syndicate participations by me is untrue. On receipt a few weeks ago of a letter from Mr. Hyde accompanying checks in the amount of \$10,000, I stated to him that the matter was one that ought to be fully sifted, and I requested that I be furnished at once with a complete statement from him on the subject. This request has not yet been complied with. No disclosures as to Mr. Hyde's acts have got into print through me.

"I say that many statements intended to be injurious to me have been given to the press by those interested in defeating the movement set in motion by these statements. I have traced to press bureaus identified with Mr. Hyde, but I have preferred to suffer these baseless attacks upon my conduct and motives rather than resort to such methods in a contest for principles which I regard as vital in the discharge of duties which are grave and onerous than any which I have ever been compelled to perform."